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ALMA

Guadalupe Mission. December 13, Solemn High Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Church. Fr. McDonnell was the celebrant; Frs. Stowe (Mo.), and Murray (Ore.), Deacon and Subdeacon, respectively. A lavish Procession and Fiesta were held in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fr. De la Torre, a Jesuit from Mexico City, preached a touching and beautiful sermon.

December 18, the San Jose State Newman Club in collaboration with NCCW and Notre Dame High School sponsored a Christmas party for the Mexican children. Over 500 participated. Mr. Nigro (Ore.) led the group in Christmas carols, then held the entire crowd spellbound with a stirring narration of the story of Christmas. Contributing to the success of the party were Messrs. McAnulty, Felt Dempsey, Keith, and Geizsel.

December 23, the Bellarmine High Sodality under the direction of Mr. Carlo Weber distributed Christmas baskets to over 200 poor families of the Guadalupe Mission area. This was the largest and most generous contribution in the history of Bellarmine.

December 25, Fr. Zeyen (Ore.) was Celebrant at the Solemn High Midnight Mass Christmas Eve. Mr. Kolda was Subdeacon.

Varia. On November 20, Fr. Klement gave the Community an exhortation on the present state of our China Mission. The day following, Dr. Desmond Fitzgerald of the Department of Philosophy, U.S.F., gave a talk on philosophy as taught as secular universities. Wednesday, November 24, the annual fall disputation was held. Mr. Mooney (N.Y.) defended in De Deo Elevante and Mr. Swain in De Deo Trino.

AZUSA

Oct. 18, 46 Loyola High Seniors were here for retreat with Fr. Frugoli. The Seniors will come in several groups. Fr. Nagle is generally Retreat Master for these students.

Oct. 21. One of the largest groups we have had, with 39 present. However, three of the hired help quit or were fired during the first day, and the Fathers, including the Retreat Master, Fr. Connolly, waited on table, did scullery work, etc. The following week 46 men for retreat, but by that time the labor problem had been solved.

Oct. 25. Fr. Robert V. Burns, Jubilarian, spent several days as our guest.

Nov. 1. Fr. Provincial was here with Fr. Socius (P. Carroll) for Visitation.

Nov. 9. At the luxurious Conrad Hilton home in Bel Air Estates, a $100 a plate dinner was put on by the Retreat Organization, with over a hundred guests present.

Nov. 16. The faculty moved out of the ancient White House into their new quarters in the main building. This was long desired and finally made feasible by the completion of the new hermitages. No one knows exactly when the White House was built, but history records that it was originally a barn, and in 1892 had been converted into a dwelling for the Macneil family, with stair cases at peculiar angles, and walls of Bristol board, and ceilings of tongue and groove. With every slight change in temperature during the night, the entire building cracked and snapped.

During the last week in November and the first week in December, the following came to Manresa for their own annual retreat: Fr. Domachowski from Loyola High, Frs. Cassassa and Reed from Loyola U., Fr. Benecke from

San Jose and Fr. Brannigan of the Russian Rite from Los Angeles.

For the Feast of the Immaculate Conception the end of the Marian Year, Fr. Connolly gave a triduum at Ramona Convent, Fr. Vaughan to the Holy Names in South San Gabriel, and Fr. Nagle to the students at St. Andrews School, Pasadena.

Early in December the five and a half foot marble crucifix arrived from Italy, and on Dec. 11 was erected in the circle just in front of the main building. This was project of Fr. Nagle, and he has been gathering dimes and occasionally dollars from his friends all up and down the state, chiefly from regions outside the Los Angeles district. A brilliant spotlight plays on the Crucified Christ, who is now the first to greet the retreatants as they come up the driveway.

BELLARMINE

Sodality. Ninety-eight Sodalists attended a day of Recollection on the campus. Due to the illness of Fr. McDermott, the Moderator, Frs. Pluskell, Monaghan, and Stretch stepped in and gave the talks. Breakfast and lunch were served.

Before the Dec. 1 Friday Mass, 98 Sodalists were formally received into the Sodality by Fr. Monaghan.

The only speakers at the Peninsula Division of the Archdiocesan Federation, held at Serra High, San Mateo, with five schools attending, were Bellarmine Sodalists. The President is also from Bellarmine.

Direlted by the Mission Committee, the annual Christmas food drive for needy families in the San Jose area, more than doubled last year's record collection. About 185 families will enjoy a Christmas dinner with all the "trimmings." Mr. Carlo Weber was in charge.

The students collected from relatives, friends, and merchants: 50 crates of vegetables, 50 cases of fruit, 3000 lbs. of potatoes, 75 turkeys, 100 chickens, 250 lbs. of other meats, 400 dozen canned foods, and toys valued at $500, for distribution to needy families.

Dads' and Mothers' Clubs. As a result of the recent whist party (800 attending) and dinner dance (400), the building fund for the first semester was enriched by $7200.

Individual donations added another $6000.00.

Alumni. The members enjoyed a cippino stay dinner, and also donated a refrigerator to the club rooms.

Varia. Fr. Neil McClusky of the Oregon Province gave the triduum to the Scholastics. "Contemplativus in Actione" was the title of the monthly exhortation which he also gave to the community.

Fr. Corvi traveled to Los Angeles for the principals' meeting at Loyola High and the meeting of the California unit of the N.C.E.A. at Immaculate Heart College.

Fr. Plushkell gave a year-end triduum to the sisters at Mercy High School, San Francisco.

Fr. Flynn conducted a series of Sunday sermons on the Bible at St. Lucy's Church, Campbell.

The school library with tables and stacks rearranged, now has more than 10,000 volumes, all catalogued accorling to title and author. The man behind the scene (stacks) is efficent, quiet, Bro. Thomas Marshall, our full-time librarian, who has done a tremendous job. Besides this he has also catalogued and moved all the books from the old Faculty Building to the library in our new residence.

Fr. Franchi gave a Marian Triduum to the sisters of O'Connor Hospital.

Members from all our houses in the Valley and from San Francisco attended the dinner in honor of Fr. Rector (T. Cosgrave), Dec. 21.

Jesuit Mothers. At the December meeting Fr. O'Mara, Superior of El Retiro, gave an inspiring talk. Many relatives, friends, and Jesuits attended the yearly Christmas party, Dec. 19.

Forensics. At Stockton, with 13 schools attending, 27 students entered and 16 reached the finals. Five first places were won. A sophomore student took first place in a contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce of San Jose.

BROPHY

Bishop Green had dinner with us on the night of December 11. After dinner Fr. Harrington drove the Bishop to Tollenson.

Our last game of the season was very successful even though we did not win. We traveled to Tucson to play Sal-Pointe. We were favored to lose by about 40 points. In the game we scored three T.D.'s and had one called back. Sal-Pointe scored seven. Score 42-19. One bus-load of players traveled to the game and two bus-loads of boys. Several of the parents drove to the game with their boys.

Wednesday night at a joint meeting of the Mothers' and Dads' Club the athletic awards were given. At the meeting Fr. J. Devlin gave a demonstration of the two types of defense used in basketball. Frs. Schallert and Dodd, coaches for the varsity, awarded the letters and trophies to the best player and the trophy to the most loyal player on the team. A boy who was only in the game for two plays all season, and attended all the practices except two, was chosen by unanimous decision of the players for the Loyalty award. Frs. Devlin and Doherty, frosh coaches, awarded the letters to the freshmen.

Frs. Devlin, Dodd, and Doherty are kept busy these days with the varsity, J.V., and freshmen basketball teams. Fr. Wondra is waiting for the first of January to come so he can begin baseball.

Two weeks ago Tom Marnell, second year, won the City Finals in the Voice of Democracy Contest. The school was awarded a trophy, and Tom a gold watch.

Sunday, Dec. 12, the Fathers-Sons Communion breakfast was held in the cafeteria. About 149 were present.

We now have a cook — all are welcome to come and enjoy his cooking.

Father Schallert continues to work in the boiler room. We had another flood, but this time the damage was repaired before more plaster fell off the ceiling in the basement and cafeteria.

Fr. Harrington has been accepted for membership in the Arizona Association of School Administrators.

Fr. Doherty keeps working hard on the "Bronco Roundup" (school paper).

December 8, 25 Sodalists, Frs. Azadian, Schallert, and Dodd went on the Sodality picnic to Mingus Mountain.

December 9, Fr. Brannon held the Frosh Elocution Contest. The contest this year was divided into three divisions: Oratorical, Dramatic, and Humorous, with a winner being chosen from each section and also the Best Speaker of the evening award being given. The hall was almost full for the occasion.

Christmas vacation will see several of the Fathers scraping the paint off the corridor in the schools so they may repaint the floors.

Fr. Harrington has received more applications for boarders, but must wait till their transcripts arrive before accepting the boys.

The Fathers continue to keep a good tan with the rusty water.

FLASH! Tom Marnell won the State Final in the "Voice of Democracy" Contest. Tom is now ready to participate in the National Finals which will be held in late January. For this contest Tom won a TV set. Needless to say, this will help us a great deal in the city.

EL RETIRO

During the triduum held in honor of the canonization of St. Joseph Pignatelli, conferences were given by Fr. O'Mara, Fr. William Dunne, and Fr. Maher.

The Angelus, rung on "La Purissima," our Mission Bell, now echoes thrice daily among the hills of Los Altos.

An altar rail, harmonizing with the present chapel furnishings, will shortly be erected, the gift of a grateful retreatant.

To another retreatant we are indebted for the installation of a much-neded ventilation system in the chapel and in the confessionals.

The first two statuettes, representing mysteries of the Rosary, are on exhibition in the lounge room and have excited universal admiration. The dedication of Rosary Lane is planned for February 11, 1955.

Fr. William Dunne sails on the President Cleveland, Dec. 19, to

serve as chaplain on a six-weeks tour of the Orient.

The San Francisco office of the Retreat Association was moved to Los Altos on Nov. 27, and installed in part of the former Wellman house. The change will affect a great saving in time and expense. The office work, so long and so faithfully carried on by Mrs. Lacey and Miss Birmingham, will be continued by Mrs. Katherine Shannon and Mrs. Chester Lynch.

Mr. Charles N. Thompson, incidentally a non-Catholic, the fifteenth retreatant who registered on the night of Dec. 2, was the 4000th retreatant for the year 1954. This number includes the seniors of high schools and colleges.

The last retreat of the year was given Dec. 9-12. It was the 1455th retreat since the inception of El Retiro, and brought the number of retreatants for 1954 up to 4,175.

FRESNO

To avoid confusion of mail Fr. Superior (Rudolph) has had stationery printed for the Community, using as our official designation Jesuit Fathers of Fresno.

Nearing the close of the first semester the seminary roster numbers 30 (10 college freshmen, 20 high school students). Of the 30 all but five (for Reno) are preparing for the Monterey-Fresno diocese.

Sr. Dionysia, Superior of the Holy Family convent, Fresno, has completed five weekly instructions in catechetics for the benefit of the seminarians, with a view to prepare them for teaching catechism locally in '55.

Frs. Shepherd and Geary alternate on Sundays to supply at St. John's Cathedral and at one special parish Mass in the Seminary Chapel. Fr. Brady regularly assists at the Cathedral for the Solemn High Mass on Sundays, at which the seminarians serve and form part of the choir. The Frs. regularly say Mass at the chapels of the Christian Brothers, Holy Cross Sisters. Franciscan Sisters, and the Holy Family Sisters. Likewise two Masses are said in the Seminary Chapel.

The Bishop has officially designated the Seminary Chapel as St. Anne's. There is also a small community chapel for visits, Litanies, and a Sunday Mass.

Fr. Shepherd has given talks to the Y.M.I. and K.C. groups on the work of the minor seminary. He was also the speaker for the KC Communion Breakfast in commemoration of their dead.

Fr. Peter Newport renders invaluabe assistance by coming each month to give a Day of Recollection to the seminarians.

Fr. Crowley celebrated his 75th birthday November 28 with the felicitations of the brethren.

In his letter congratulating Bishop Willinger on the occasion of his Episcopal Silver Jubilee (October 28), the Holy Father made special reference to the Bishop's achievements in Monterey-Fresno: "Among other glories, proofs of your pastoral zeal are the newly built churches and parochial schools, the diocesan junior seminary which you have erected from the very ground, and the sacerdotal vocations which you have promoted." Fr. Superior and Fr. Brady assisted the Bishop at the Pontificial High Mass; the scholastics arrayed in capes were custodians of book, crozier, and mitre, the seminarians serving or helping in the choir. Fr. Provincial was present at the Mass, and in the afternoon attended the clergy dinner with Frs. Rudolph, Brady, and Geary.

Other functions in which Ours and the seminarians took part: Solemn Pontifical Mass in the afternoon of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12) at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium; Pontifical Requiem for Sr. Archangel of the faculty of the San Joaquin Memorial H.S. (Dec. 16) at the Cathedral; Pontifical Requiem for Deceased Bishop and Priests of the diocese, in the seminary Chapel; Ordinations for the Salesians (two to the diaconate, several for Minor Orders) in the seminary Chapel.

Marian Year Closing (Dec. 8): Solemn High Mass in the Chapel, Fr. Superior as celebrant, Fr. Shepherd as deacon, and Mr. Dullea as subdeacon. Later in the morning the seminarians held a Marian Hour in the Chapel, consisting of the recitation of the Rosary, with introductory sermonettes by the collegians on the theme of Our Lady's influence

on American history. The program was organized and prepared by Mr. St. Clair. There was Solemn Benediction in the evening.

The first Freshman Elocution Contest was held on the first Sunday of November, the whole class of eight participating. The event was under the supervision of Mr. St. Clair, and other faculty members helped in coaching the competitors. The two top winners were coached by Mr. St. Clair, the third place winner by Mr. Dullea. The students are looking forward to a Sophomore Oratorical next semester.

Latin Prize. Fr. Pointek, pastor at Tipton, offered a $10 prize for the best Latinist in the college group on the basis of vocabulary. After a series of tests Fr. Harkin awarded the prize to Charles Macias of Selma.

Greek at Ryan. Our institution boasts of eight students taking College Greek.

At their Christmas party the High School performed with credit. The freshmen formed a unison choir to recite the Martyrology of Christmas and to interpret the Gospel account of Christmas, the sophomores gave a "radio play," Dickens' "Christmas Carol"; the seniors gave readings to a musical background of poems reflecting the spirit of Christmas. Mr. Dullea directed freshmen and sophomores, Fr. Shepherd the seniors. There are no juniors this year.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Industrial Relations. Of special note during the past semester is the success of our Industrial Relations Center. In the foreman class, organized by Fr. William McIntosh, there were 225 men enrolled. These represented Douglas Aircraft, North American, American Airlines, Northrup Aircraft, and Von's Markets. The classes are conducted four days a week for eight weeks on the University campus. Thanks to the success of this class, two similar sessions will be offered at the University next spring.

Another phase of the Industrial Relations program is the Labor Management School which operates out of Loyola High School on Tuesday nights. The last series of lectures was attended by 95 students representing 55 different companies.

Education. The chairman of the department of education, Fr. Darrell Finnegan, recently announced that 73 per cent of the graduates of the education department now under contract as public school teachers were rated "above average" by their superintendents.

English. The English department, including Frs. Harold Ryan and Clinton Albertson, and Messrs. Walter Gordon and John Callanan, was well represented at the recent meeting of the College English Assn. Fr. Ryan, president of the group, presided at the panel discussion.

Philosophy. Recently Fr. George Kennard lectured on the political philosophy of Maritain to the Southern California Chapter of the Philosophy Education Assn. Besides presenting lectures, Fr. Kennard has arranged a series of lectures on the philosophy of art. Included among the speakers were the chairmen of the philosophy departments of Cal Tech, UCLA, and the U of C at Riverside.

Dramatics. The Del Rey Players, moderated by Fr. Jos. Brusher, presented their second production of the year, "The Imaginary Invalid." A new twist to the plays was the addition of a coffee hour. This enabled the theater-goers to meet the actors.

Lecture. The most recent offering of the lecture bureau was a recital and commentary by that well known pianist, Mr. John Lee. Fr. Donald St. Sure introduced Mr. Lee.

MT. ST. MICHAELS

In the afternoon on November 21 the Gonzaga Glee Club directed by Mr. Lyle Moore entertained the Community for a full two hours. The performance was excellent.

November 27 brought dark skies as disputation day dawned. Things brightened, though, and ears pricked up as the latest thing in disputations graced Bellarmine's stage and astounded the audience. A streamlined quasi-

panel-discussion in English took the place of the old straight-jacket form and not only surprised, but interested all. Messrs. Dan Weber, Robert Maloney, Mauri Brill, and Jim Maher read papers and answered questions to establish their thesis on the existence of God. Messrs. Jim Schall, Donald Wolf, and James Jacobson proceeded in the same manner in exposing Aristotle's and Saint Thomas' Philosophy of Law. During the noon meal Mr. Gene Bianchi completed a successful day's program by reading an excellent paper entitled "The Meaning of Love."

Fr. Edward Morton began what turned out to be a very interesting and most profitable triduum November 28.

December 5 found about 100 scholastics and Fathers attending the impressive and inspiring Pontifilial High Mass which was celebrated in Spokane's new coliseum to put a memorable end to the Marian Year.

Doctor Otto Penna spoke to the scholastics December 12 on "Medical Ethics."

Doctor Robert Hatch gave an excellent lecture December 18 on "Abe Lincoln."

The Choir, under the direction of Mr. Jerold Schwegman, has been kept very busy preparing for a closely scheduled Christmas program. They were asked to make two recordings, one for station KSPO, another for station KGA. During Christmas vacation among other apearances their schedule included Gieger Air Field, Sacred Heart Hospital, Medical Lake, and the Veterans' Hospital.

SAN FRANCISCO

University

V. Rev. Fr. Provincial made his visitation during the latter part of December.

Fr. Mulcahy has been elected as Second Vice-President of the Catholic Economic Association.

Fr. Peter Dunne participated in an informal discussion sponsored by the Soroptomist Club on "Religion and One World." He also gave the invocation at a luncheon meeting of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Fr. Boss addressed a group of the Pan American Air Lines and the "Right to Work" bills. He also appeared on a television program in Sacramento, The Catholic Forum, on "The Church and Industrial Life."

Fr. Zabala spoke to the Newman Club at the University of California at Davis, on God — "St. Thomas Views vs. the Moderns'."

Fr. John Martin served as a member of the Western College Association committee which visited Notre Dame College, Belmont, for accreditation purposes.

Frs. Egan and Zabala served on the panel discussion "The Function of Theology in Higher Education" at a meeting of the Catholic Philosophical Association held at St. Mary's College, Moraga. Several other members of the Philosophy Department also attended the meeting.

Fr. Egan gave a Day of Recollection to the Newman Club of Nevada University at Reno.

Fr. Rock was host to the Boston College Alumni of the Bay Area at their annual Communion-Breakfast.

Fr. McDonnell spoke to the group of St. Philip Neri's parish on "Catholic Education."

SANTA CLARA

The Thomists. A panel discussion on the Philosophy of Education, sponsored by the Thomist Club was held in the Adobe Lodge, Dec. 8. Participants were a professor and a student from Lone Mountain, San Jose State, Stanford, and Santa Clara.

Natiity Pageant. The Clay M. Greene Players and the Glee Club assisted by girls from the Newman Club presented a Pageant of the Nativity in 16 cycles, a Marian Year production, in the Auditorium, Dec. 8, 9, 10. The play was adapted from the Mystery Cycles or "Living Bible" of religious plays in the 15th century.

Rhodes Scholarship. Arthur H. Hayes, a senior (Phil. Major) was recently named winner of a Rhodes Scholarship by members of the Southwestern States District of Rhodes Scholarship Committee. The District covers six southwestern states and four scholarships were awarded. The

selecting committee was headed by Dr. Robert G. Sproul, president of the University of California.

Poetry Award. An annual prize of $50.00 for poetry was established in honor of Fr. Edward Shipsey just a week before he died, by Richard J. Schmidt, a former student of Fr. Shipsey, to be awarded "to the student having made the most outstanding contribution to the art of Poetry in that year."

Forensics. Fr. J. Wall took a group of nine students to the Speech Tournament of the Western Speech Assn. held at Tucson, Nov. 22-25. Forty schools from the Pacific and Mountain states participated. Santa Clara took third place in Impromptu Speaking and fourth and fifth in the Panel Discussion on Education.

Spiritual. A Solemn High Mass in the morning and Solemn Benediction in the evening, together with the recitation of the Marian Year Prayer, marked the closing of the Marian Year.

The Triduum prior to the Renovation of Vows was conducted by Fr. James O'Connor (Chicago) professor of Canon Law at Alma.

The Monthly Exhortation was given by Fr. W. Crowley, subject: "Theresa Newman—diabolical, fraudulent, supernatural, or natural." The Casus was handled by Fr. J. Wall — subject: "Racial Segregation."

On Thanksgiving Day, Fr. J. Pociask celebrated a High Mass, in appreciation for the favors received by the University and the students during the past year.

A Christmas Novena for Parents, consisting of Masses and Holy Communions forming a spiritual bouquet, was made by the students just prior to the holidays.

Meeting Off Campus. Fr. James King, a member of the "Commission of Higher Education" attended a meeting for the Northwestern Assn., Salt Lake City, Nov. 27.

Fr. Hauck, as Chairman of special committee appointed by the Western College Assn., visited the Army Language School at Monterey. Fr. Hurst (Lang) accompanied the visiting committee Nov. 30.

Fr. E. Boland, as Chairman, directed the meeting of the Catholic Library Assn., held at O'Dowd High School, Oakland, Nov. 27.

Frs. Fagothey and O'Sullivan attended and participated in a joint meeting of the S.F. and L.A. units of the American Catholic Philosophical Assn. held at St. Mary's College, Nov. 28.

Frs. Burman and Hurst attended a meeting of the American Philological Assn. held in Los Angeles Nov. 26-27.

Fr. McAuliffe and students attended meetings of the N.F.C.C.S. both at Moraga and Lone Mountain, closing the Marian Year.

Fr. Hauck attended a meeting of the trustees of Independent Colleges held in Los Angeles Dec. 7.

Fr. Jos. Martin gave the Invocation at the dedication of the Mariposa Recreation Center in Santa Clara.

Meetings on Campus. Fr. J. Pociask (Moderator) addressed the Catala Club on The Spirit of Christmas, at its annual Christmas Tree Party, Adobe Lodge, Dec. 10.

Children of the Faculty (under 21) enjoyed a Christmas Tree Party, being entertained by a magician and puppet show. L. Boitano (Bus.) acted as Santa Claus. Sixty-two children attended.

The President's Christmas Party for Faculty and Staff was held in the Lounge Room, Seifert Gymnasium, Dec. 12 — consisting of a Buffet Supper and Dancing. One hundred seventy-four attended.

Early Jesuit History. Fr. H. Walsh spoke to the Novices on Dec. 12 and told of the founding of the Novitiate, 1888, his days there in 1895, the growth of the town of Los Gatos, and the work of the Jesuits founding the Missions in Lower California. He featured the works of Frs. Salvatierra and Kino and showed how, at the suppression of the Society, 1768, the work on the Missions was taken over by the Franciscans.

Aloha. Fr. Jos. Martin accompanied the Basketball Team to Hawaii, Dec. 27, and while there will meet with the Alumni and speak at various High Schools.

Santa Clara's record in the Invitation Tournaments is eight wins and one loss.

Triduua. Closing the Marian Year, Fr. Jos. Martin conducted a Triduum at St. Joachim's Church, Haywood; Fr. J. Diebels at St. Martin's, Sunnyvale; and Fr. McFadden to Sisters at St. Cecilia's (S.F.); Fr. J. Bain preached a Novena at St. Clare's Church.

Varia. Fr. W. Schmidt, much overworked in both directing the County Youth Center and its campaign for a new building, has been temporarily removed from his duties, and will assist as a parish priest in Phoenix.

The students of the University are conducting a drive hoping to raise $2,000.00 for a Catholic Student Center, at Taiwan, Formosa.

Football players representing the East in the Annual Shrine game arrived for practice on Ryan Field, Dec. 21.

Fr. F. Spieler was a member of a panel discussion on T.V. from Sacramento, subject: "The Church and Science," on Nov. 28.

SUFFRAGES

The usual suffrages of the Society are to be said for the repose of the soul of Fr. Edward Shipsey, who died at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose on Dec. 2 in the 64th year of his life, his 47th in the Society.

Deaths in the Assistancy

Fr. Thomas A. Egan, on Dec. 8, in Chicago.

REV. EDWARD SHIPSEY, S.J.

1890-1954

Rev. Edward Shipsey, for twenty-six years head of the English department at the University of Santa Clara, died at O'Connor Hospital, San Jose, on the morning of December 2nd, after a lengthy illness. He had suffered a stroke while acting as assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Hollywood, spent several months recuperating at Loyola University and returned to Santa Clara on November 16th.

Stricken with a stomach disorder on November 20th, he was confined first to the Infirmary, and later taken to O'Connor Hospital for transfusions.

Fr. Shipsey was born in San Luis Obispo on December 15th, 1890, attended Santa Clara from 1906 to 1908 and entered the Society at Los Gatos on Los Gatos 22, 1908. His Philosophical studies were made at Gonzaga University, Spokane, from 1913 to 1916.

After teaching English and being Moderator of Dramatics at Gonzaga from 1916 to 1920 he returned to Santa Clara and taught English and Religion until 1922 when he left for the University of Innsbruck, Austria, to study Theology.

He was ordained priest in Innsbruck on July 26th, 1925: made his Tertianship at Hot Springs, North Carolina, 1926-1927, and returned to Santa Clara in the fall of 1927, pronouncing his last Vows on February 2nd, 1928.

He remained Chairman of the Department of English until 1953 when he went to Blessed Sacrament Parish as assistant priest.

As author, he wrote 'Santa Clara, the Small University' and the 'History of Blessed Sacrament Parish.' He likewise composed a syllabus for freshmen, which was later adopted by many Jesuit Universities. He was Moderator of the Owl and the House of Historians, and assisted in the dramatic productions The Mission Play and The Passion Play.

As a popular lecturer on Shakespeare and Chaucer he freuently addressed literary gatherings in the Santa Clara area. He was noted as a radio speaker, and contributed many articles to Literary Reviews. During Summer Sessions he lectured at Gonzaga, University of San Francisco and Loyola.

Father Shipsey was a member of the National Council of Teachers of English: the local Quest Club: and was Past President of the San Francisco Area College Teachers of English. In 1947 he was invited to Springfield, Mass. for the Centenary of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. In 1916 he received his M. A. from Gonzaga: in 1926 his S. T. L. from University of Innsbruck: and in 1939 his Litt. D. from Gonzaga.

Just a few days prior to his last illness, Richard Schmidt, Chairman of the English department, and a former pupil of Fr. Shipsey, established an annual award of $50.000 to be known as the Father Shipsey Poetry Award, "to be given to the student having made the most outstanding contribution in the art of Poetry in that year."

When informed of the annual award perpetuating his name, Father demurely said 'I didn't think you did these things until after a person was dead.' He died within ten days.

Over a hundred clerics, Jesuit and Diocesean, atended the Office of the Dead and the Funeral Mass in the Mission Church on December 4th. Standing beside his grave in the Jesuit plot one could have readily paraphrased his beloved Shakespeare — "The good that he has done lives after him, and since there was no malice in him, none could be interred with his bones."

R. I. P.